

CITY OF TEMPE HEARING OFFICER

Meeting Date: 12/18/2018

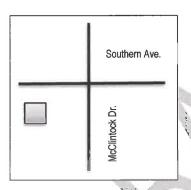
Agenda Item: 2

<u>ACTION</u>: Request approval to abate public nuisance items at the McDonald Property located at 1418 E. Laguna Drive. The applicant is the City of Tempe – Code Compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$915.00 for abatement request, cut grass and weeds from front and back landscape, remove dead trees from front yard, and restore pool water to a clean and clear state.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff – Approval of 180 day open abatement

<u>BACKGROUND INFORMATION</u>: City of Tempe – Code Compliance Section requests approval to abate items in violation of the Tempe City Code at the MCDONALD PROPERTY. The details of this case represent several months of correspondence for compliance with the property owner. Staff requests the approval of abatement of the following nuisance items under Complaint CE185809: cut grass and weeds from front and back landscape, remove dead trees from front yard, and restore pool water to a clean and clear state.



Property Owner

Applicant

Zoning District:

Code Compliance Inspector:

Patrick McDonald

City of Tempe - Code Compliance

R1-6, Single Family Residential

Julie Scofield, Code Inspector

ATTACHMENTS: Supporting Attachment

STAFF CONTACT: Drew Yocom, Planning & Research Analyst (480-858-2190)

Department Director: Chad Weaver, Community Development Director

Legal review by: N/A

Prepared by: Barbara Simons, Code Inspector

Reviewed by: Drew Yocom, Planning & Research Analyst

COMMENTS:

Code Compliance is requesting approval to abate the McDonald Property located at 1418 E. Laguna Drive, in the R1-6, Single Family Residential district. This case was initiated 08/29/2018, after which Code Compliance has attempted to obtain compliance through correspondence with the property owner regarding violations of the Tempe City Code.

Without the intervention of abatement the property will continue to deteriorate. It is therefore requested that the City of Tempe Community Development Hearing Officer approve a 180 day open abatement of this public nuisance in accordance with Section 21-53 of the Tempe City Code.

HISTORY & FACTS:

The history and facts of this case are detailed in an attached memo from the Code Compliance Inspector.

Project Submittal Application

City of Tempe
Community Development Department
31 E. 5th Street, Garden Level, Tempe, AZ 85281
(480) 350-4311 Fax: (480) 350-8677
Planning Fax: (480) 350-8872
www.tempe.gov



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11/08/2018

TO:

Mike Spencer, Sr. Code Inspector

FROM:

Julie Scofield

SUBJECT:

Mcdonald Property Abatement

LOCATION:

1418 E. Laguna Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282

PARCEL:

133-37-162

OWNER:

Patrick McDonald 1418 E. Laguna Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282

FINDINGS:

08/29/2018

Complaint came into Neighborhood Enhancement (CE185809) for this property regarding a deteriorated pool. The property was inspected. The swimming pool is green, there is over height grass/weeds in the back yard of the property and dead tree in the front yard of the property.

09/13/2018

The property was re-inspected. The property is still in violation. A final notice was

mailed to the owner.

10/03/2018

10/10/2018

A notice was hung on the front door asking for contact or compliance by 10/9/2018 to avoid a possible citation.

A reinspection of the property took place. The landscape and the pool are still in violation. A citation was issued to the owner for these two violations. Pictures were taken the same day the citation was issued.

10/23/2018

Another complaint came in for this property regarding the landscape and the green pool.

10/06/2018

There has been no change to the condition of the property. The owner has not paid the citation and has yet to bring the property in compliance. Requesting a bid to clean up the property. The abatement hearing is set to be December 18th, 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I am recommending the approval for the abatement at 1418 E. Laguna Dr. The property is owned by Patrick Mcdonald. The owner has been given ample time and opportunities to bring this property into compliance and has failed to take any corrective action. Several notices were mailed, and a citation was issued. Would also like to request a 180-day open abatement in the event the property comes into violation in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Scofield

ACTION TAKEN:

NAME DATE: CASE # CE185809



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE

11/07/2018

PATRICK MCDONALD 1418 E. LAGUNA DR. TEMPE, AZ 85282

This serves as notification of the City of Tempe's intentions regarding the abatement of code violations on the following described property:

Legal:

TEMPE GARDENS

Location:

1418 E. LAGUNA DR. TEMPE, AZ 85282

Parcel:

133-37-162

This office will submit this complaint to the Community Development Abatement Hearing Officer to be placed on the Hearing Officer agenda of **12/18/2018**. We are requesting Hearing Officer Authorization to abate this public nuisance in accordance with Section 21-53 of the Tempe City Code by removal and repair of:

Violation of City of Tempe Code 21-3-B-8

Any landscaping, visible from public property, that is substantially dead, damaged, or characterized by uncontrolled growth, or presents a deteriorated or slum-like appearance; uncultivated plants, weeds, tall grass, uncultivated shrubs or growth (whether growing or otherwise) higher than twelve (12) inches; or any dead trees, bushes, shrubs or portions thereof, including stumps; or any palm or similar type tree having dead or dry fronds descending downward from the base of the lowest living frond more than eight (8) feet or dry fronds longer than five (5) feet and closer than eight (8) feet to the ground.

Violation of City of Tempe Code 21-3-B-16

Any swimming pool areas that are not enclosed by a fence of at least five (5) feet in height and equipped with self-closing, self-latching gate(s), or padlocked at all times. Any openings in the fencing shall be of a size to prohibit a spherical object four (4) inches in diameter from passing through or under the fence or gate; or any swimming pool, architectural pool or spa that creates a health hazard, harbors insect infestation or presents a deteriorated appearance.

- 1. CUT ALL OVER HEIGHT GRASS/WEEDS FROM THE FRONT AND BACK OF THE PROPERTY.
- 2. REMOVE OR CUT DOWN TO GROUND LEVEL THE DEAD TREE(S) FROM THE FRONT YARD.
- 3. RESTORE POOL WATER TO A CLEAN AND CLEAR STATE. ALL ALGEA, DIRT, AND DEBRIS MUST BE REMOVED FROM POOL.

As owner of the property, you have thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter to abate or correct the violation. If the violations have not been corrected within thirty days, our office will proceed with the abatement process.

Upon receipt of the Hearing Officer approval to abate this public nuisance, the necessary work will be performed at the expense of the property owner. The cost of this work will be \$915.00. In addition to the actual cost of abatement, an administrative charge of fifteen (15) percent of the actual cost of abatement or three hundred (\$300) dollars, whichever is greater, for expenses incurred by the city for abatement procedures, and the cost of recording liens and releases will be charged. The recorded lien may bear interest at the legal rate for judgments in the State of Arizona. Administrative charges and the cost of recording liens and releases shall become a lien on the property whether or not the public nuisance is abated by the City.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at (480) 350-8372.

Code Inspector: Julie Scofield Phone Number: (480)350-8951

E-mail: julie_scofield@tempe.gov

HAMANN ENTERPRISES, LLC

4001 W CAMELBACK RD C30 PHOENIX, AZ 85019 (602) 575-4455

hamannenterprises@yahoo.com

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT IS FOR:

NAME:

JULIE SCOFEILD

FIRM: CITY OF TEMPE

DATE: 11/2/18

PROPOSAL

WE PROPOSE TO DO THE FOLLOWING WORK FOR THE CITY OF TEMPE UNDER CONTRACT # T18-011-03

ADDRESS: 1418 W LAGUNA AVE

1 LANDSCAPE FRONT AND BACK YARD TREE REMOVAL AND POOL PUMPING	\$840.00
2 ESTAMATED DUMP FEES	\$75.00
3	\$0.00
4	\$0.00
5	\$0.00
6	\$0.00
TOTAL COST OF JOB	\$915.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

BOB HAMANN



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT **CODE COMPLIANCE** CORRECTION NOTICE

08/29/18

MCDONALD PATRICK 1418 E LAGUNA DR **TEMPE. AZ 85282**

Case#: CE185809

Site Address: 1418 E LAGUNA DR. TEMPE, AZ 85282

SITE REINSPECTION ON OR AFTER: 09/12/2018

This is a notice to inform you that this site was inspected on 08/29/2018 and found to be in violation of the City of Tempe's Zoning and Development Code (ZDC) and/or Nuisances and Property Enhancement Ordinance, Chapter 21, Article I and/or II of the City Code (CC) as noted. Failure to comply may result in civil citation or criminal charges.

VIOLATION SECTION:

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PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIVE ACTION:

- RESTORE POOL WATER TO A CLEAN AND CLEAR STATE. ALL ALGEA, DIRT, AND DEBRIS MUST BE REMOVED FROM POOL.
- PLEASE CUT DOWN TO GROUND LEVEL OR REMOVE THE DEAD TREE FROM THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY.
- 3. PLEASE CUT ALL OVER HEIGHT GRASS AND OR WEEDS IN THE BACK YARD OF THE PROPERTY.

Please contact me if you have questions or need further assistance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Julie Scofield Code Inspector II E-Mail

Direct: 480-350-8951

Code Compliance: 480-350-8372

julie scofield@tempe.gov

Civil and Criminal Penalties

City Code: Section 21-3, subsections (b) 1-8, 17-19 and 21; Sections 21-4; 21-13; Section 21-24; Section 21-38, subsections (a-k) and (m-q): 1st occurrence \$200 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$300 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$400 per violation |Sections 21-31; 21-32; 21-33; 21-35; 21-36: 1st occurrence \$300 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$500 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$700 per violation | Sections 21-3, subsections (b) 9-16 and 20; Sections 21-34, 21-37; Section 21-38, subsection (l): 1st occurrence \$400 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$700 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$1,000 per violation. | Section 21-4 (b) Habitual Offender: 1st occurrence \$550 in addition to other fines, 2nd occurrence \$1,050 in addition to other fines, 3rd occurrence, \$1,550 in addition to other fines. | Section 21-25: \$1,050 per violation. | Zoning and Development Code: 1st occurrence \$170 per violation, 2nd occurrence \$420 per violation, 3rd occurrence \$820 per violation | The city has authority to abate the violation should the owner neglect, fail or refuse to correct the violation within 30 days and to assess a lien against the property for the cost of the abatement. | The city prosecutor is authorized to file a criminal class 1 misdemeanor complaint in the Tempe Municipal Court for violations of these codes.

Please Note: In the event of more than one violation occurring at this property in a calendar year, the property owner may be assessed a reinspection fee of \$75.00 pursuant to City Code Section 21-51, subsection (b).



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT **CODE COMPLIANCE FINAL CORRECTION NOTICE**

09/13/18

MCDONALD PATRICK 1418 E LAGUNA DR **TEMPE. AZ 85282**

Case#: CE185809

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City of Tempe Maricopa County State of Arizona



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